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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restrictions*

1. The amendment filed on 8/20/07 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the original invention determines a score associated with a customer based on account data wherein the score is indicative of a customer's likelihood of paying off an account, and selecting a course of action regarding said customer based on said score. The new invention is calculating a respective payoff indicator for two customers such that the indicator for the first customer is higher, and the indicators are calculated by dividing an area under a curve of a balance over time by the present account balance, and sending marketing materials to the second customer but not the first.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

### *Conclusion*

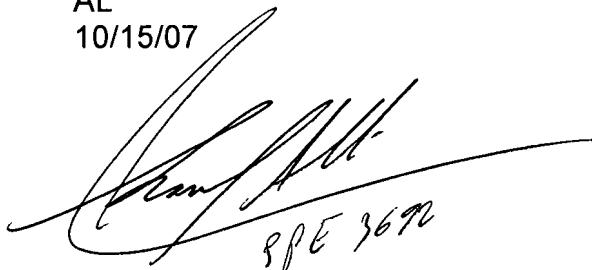
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ann Loftus whose telephone number is 571-272-7342. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4.

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